ADDITIONAL COMMENTS OF INDONESIA ON THE USA NOTIFICATION (G/TBT/N/USA/32)

1. Time limit.

The very limited time frame for preparation would be another difficulties that cannot be ignored since the deadline for registration of food facilitation is set on 12 December 2003. And although the deadlines have been set and the Act has been notified to WTO Secretariat, unfortunately no sufficient information have been provided even through the Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade nor Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) of the WTO.

2. Registration

All foreign facilities and food products to be exported to the US should be registered to the FDA. However, the Act has not yet clearly defined the procedures for that purpose. To the effect that the exporters will do, Indonesia is still on the questions so as to what extent the registration done through FDA Website could be used as a credible instrument in order to avoid time consuming and costly.